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In re U.S. Patent Application of Williams, et      )  
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Application No. 09/648,877                      ) Group Art Unit: 3628  
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Filed: August 28, 2000                              ) Examiner: Poinvil  
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For: Third Party Billing System and              )  
Method    )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 11, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004. The Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making this response due on or before **November 11, 2004**. A petition for a three-month extension of time is attached to this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 28 of this paper.**